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Editor's Note: Please consider adding this information as a traffic warning, as appropriate, to remind drivers of potential delays along this commuter route.

Saguaro National Park to Begin Work on Picture Rocks Road

Tucson, AZ – Commuters who use Picture Rocks Road could potentially face minor delays due to road construction starting on November 20. Workers will be out along the road shoulders trimming brush and salvaging sensitive plant species located along road shoulders. This work will be scheduled to limit disturbance to morning and afternoon rush hour traffic.

"We are trying to minimize the impact to commuters along Picture Rocks Road as much as possible, and are asking for everyone to be especially careful while crews are out there working," according to Brad Shattuck, Facility Manager for Saguaro National Park. "It will be a temporary inconvenience with the result being safer road for everyone who travels it."

This is the first phase in a two phase project designed to increase safety along the Picture Rocks Road. The second phase of work is anticipated to begin in January and will include improvements to signage and striping and installation of other safety features, including a rumble strip warning drivers they have crossed the center line of the road and reflectors to make the road more visible at night. More information will be available about the January construction as it is available.

There will be temporary electronic signage installed after the Veteran's Day holiday to remind drivers to please slow down upon entering the construction zone.

For more information about Saguaro National Park or the road project, please visit www.nps.gov/sagu.

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